2017 REPORT

CONVOCATION SERVICE SATURDAY

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of Student Engagement
OVERVIEW

OBJECTIVE

In the spirit of Convocation, the Office of Student Engagement hosted its second annual large service day on September 9th to kick off the school year. It was our goal to engage a large group of students in this event so that they continue to seek out engagement and service opportunities throughout their college career.

SUMMARY

Student Participants: **190**
Student Leaders: **17**
Service Sites: **9**
Total Hours Served: **507**
Survey Response Rate: **46%**

What motivated students to participate?

- Help others 83%
- Have fun 69%
- Meet new people 58%
- Learn about the community 54%

Nonprofit Partners:

- Belgrade Senior Center
- Habitat for Humanity Restore
- Children's Museum of Bozeman
- Great Beginnings Montessori
- Gallatin-Custer Forest Ranger District
- Bozeman Ranger District
- Bridgercare
- God's Garden, benefitting the Gallatin Valley Food Bank
- Heart of the Valley

"Service Saturday allowed me to get connected with my fellow Bobcats."

-- Student Participant
LEARNING OUTCOMES

As a result of participating in Convocation Service Saturday, participants were able to:

**Make at least one peer connection during their service experience.**
- **90%** of students reported having an opportunity to connect with their peers and meet new people during Convocation Service Saturday.
- **34%** of students said they had been in touch with someone they met during Convocation Service Saturday in the weeks following the event.

**Will be more aware of the needs in the Bozeman area community as a result of participating.**
- **83%** of survey respondents stated that they were more aware of the needs of the Bozeman area community due to their experience with Convocation Service Saturday.

**Describe at least one resource available in the Bozeman community.**
- **100%** of survey respondents were able to discuss the resources available to the community through their service site.

**Identify a potential engagement activity they would like to continue throughout the year.**
- As a result of participating, **59%** of survey respondents reported that they plan an volunteering during their college experience, while **31%** of students reported that they were already volunteering prior to participating in Convocation Service Saturday.
- **48%** of the survey respondents were able to discuss the ways they have gotten involved on campus as a result of their participation in Convocation Service Saturday. These activities included: joining multiple clubs, becoming more involved in floor activities in their residence hall, and participating in additional OSE events such as Rockin’ the M.
- Additionally, **44%** of participants were motivated to volunteer with their service site on their own.

**Quotes from Participants:**
- "As someone who's not from anywhere near Bozeman, Service Saturday was a great way for me to explore the community around me!"
- "I love Service Saturdays! I wish my undergrad university had a program as consistent and well-organized as this!"
- "Service Saturday is an amazing experience that helps students learn about the community and use their strengths to help others. I think everyone should try doing it at least once!"